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MEMORANDUM FOR:	

Your review is fine with me but I am not sure the chronology is quite factually accurate. If you have checked with George Allen, his recollection on this matter should be better than mine. If you have not, my impression is that the story ran roughly as follows:

- 1. George Allen did have his spats with Rostow (as did I). Some of the sharper ones occurred when I was absent (e.g., September 1967) and he was acting for me.
- 2. I do not recall George having been nominated for the Imperial Defence College in 1967. I do definitely recall his explaining to me sometime in the spring of 1968 how he felt he had done his time and then some on the Vietnam account. (A quite reasonable pitch since George's period of servitude on Vietnam dated back to his ACSI days as early as 1954.) George also indicated that the sabbatical reward he wanted would be a posting to the Imperial Defence College.
- 3. I quite positively remember lobbying with R.J. Smith to get this plum for George in the 1968 selection round (being abetted with a discreet assist from Dick Helms). I think the London posting was in the bag prior to George's promotion, though on this my memory may be in error. I remember the promotion quite well, however. I took various soundings with the DDI and found the climate somewhat less than propitious. I therefore decided to endplay my DDI colleagues by handling this one strictly "by the book."

I therefore wrote up a strong promotion recommendation for George and forwarded it to my supervisor for his endorsement and referral to the DDI Career Service Panel. My supervisor was, of course, the Director -- who played his part beautifully and with a perfectly straight face. The promotion followed soon thereafter.

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